

October 19, 2012

**Subject: Hampton Saunders Road Improvements- Project Update/right of way acquisition information**

Dear Owner of Property on Saunders Road in Hampton,

This is to update you on the status of the Saunders Road Improvements project.

Following the Saunders Road Improvements Project Public Hearing which was held on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012, plans for the acquisition of right-of-way and easements needed for the project have been submitted to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for approval and for authorization to begin these acquisitions. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, this authorization is anticipated sometime around the end of this year.

The plans identify thirteen properties proposed to be acquired in their entirety, and these property owners have all been contacted about the acquisition/relocation process. The plans also identify approximately fifty properties from which some right-of-way and/or easements will need to be purchased. If you are not already aware of how much of your property frontage is proposed to be acquired for the roadway improvements, these right-of-way plans are available for you to see on the city's Public Works website:

**[http://hampton.gov/publicworks/engineering/saunders\\_road\\_citizen\\_information\\_meeting.html](http://hampton.gov/publicworks/engineering/saunders_road_citizen_information_meeting.html)**

If you do not have access to the web, or if you would like to see a hard copy of the right-of-way plans for the frontage of your property, you may contact me by phone and I will arrange to get you a plan sheet. These plans also show proposed driveway entrances at the street, which you may wish to comment on.

Once VDOT authorizes the right-of-way acquisition for the project, the City will begin the appraisal process to determine the fair market value of the property needed for the widened roadway. Then, the City can begin negotiations with you for the purchase of the right-of-way. Until then, questions you may have about the value of your property cannot be answered; however, more information about the right-of-way acquisition process is available now. This information can be found in a publication entitled, "A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants" which has been posted on the City's Saunders Road project web site, or I can provide a hard copy to you, if you would prefer.

**Also available on the project website is the official record of the July 12<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing containing all public comments about the project, along with a document containing responses to those comments.**

Thank you for your attention to this letter and please don't hesitate to contact me by phone @383-6206 or by email: [fred.whitley@urs.com](mailto:fred.whitley@urs.com), if you have questions about the project.

Sincerely,



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